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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LEE VISIT TO HONG KONG TO STUDY MTR

REF: SINGAPORE 0322

1. CONSULATE OFFICER SPOKE WITH NORMAN THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY YESTERDAY AND WAS TOLD THAT PRIME MINISTER LEE, WHEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING MASS TRANSIT FOR SINGAPORE WITH MTR OFFICIALS, HAD EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S METHOD OF FINANCING PROJECT. ACCORDING TO THOMPSON, LEE PROBABLY WILL COPY HONG KONG'S PLAN FOR COMBINING LOANS AND GUARANTEES FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CREDIT SOURCES SUCH AS EXIM BANK OF U.S., EXIM OF JAPAN, WITH LOCAL FINANCING. OF COURSE, ALL THIS IS CONDITIONAL UPON A DECISION BY LEE TO GO AHEAD WITH SUBWAY PROJECT. THOMPSON SAID THAT LEE "WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS." THOMPSON EXPLAINED THAT SINGAPORE WOULD HAVE MANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN BUILDING SUBWAY AS MEANS TO ALLEVIATE THEIR GROWING TRANSPORTATION PRESSURES, BECAUSE OF (AMONG OTHER THINGS) DIFFICULT SOIL CONDITIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE AREA TO

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BE SERVED BY THE SYSTEM.

2. IF SINGAPORE HAS ANY OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING
H.K. MTR WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO TRY TO ANSWER THEM.
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